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In re Application of: )  
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA )  
Application No.: Divisional of Application )  
No. 09/062,552 )  
Filed: January 16, 2002 )  
For: IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL )  
APPARATUS )  
January 16, 2002

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert the  
following:

--This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/062,522, filed on April

28, 1998 --